

Lost People Matter to God

If Lost people matter to God, what does that mean for us?

Take a moment to consider Luke 15 in the light of:

1. How busy are you? Do you plan intentional gaps in your schedule or diary? What do you spend your time doing? Who do you spend your time with? Do you have a list of those in and those out? Who is on it or off it?

2. Are there people you want to spend time with and can't/don't?

If so why do you think that is?

3. Consider the people you spend time with, among those relationships are there people who are yet to get connected relationally to God? If so, who are these people? Write their names down...

Do you prioritise your time to spend time with these people as a first or a last option?

4. For the sake of the gospel, the kingdom and Jesus clear priority to the lost...what relationships need to change in order to make seeking the lost your priority?

Who are those that need to be placed in the background?

Who are those that need to come first?

When will you start? And what will you do?

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Sermon notes

In Luke 15 Jesus tells 3 stories to the people of his day who had their list of who was in and who was out from their perspective, to help them understand that God goes all out for the outsider. They thought they were God's highest priority, but they had it wrong. They were certainly God's most precious possessions, but those without relationship with God are His highest priority because the essence of our humanity is only realized in relationship with him.

1. Something of Great Value has gone missing
- Sheep, coin, Son

Being lost is a relational, not a faith issue!

People are Valuable because: People are made in God's likeness and image

& God is Just and will not deny his own character

2. That which is lost is so valuable, other things are put aside to search

3. Retrievals bring rejoicing

Rejoicing say's "I must matter a whole lot more than I thought"

Rejoicing follows and experience of safety and love—being overwhelmed by love

Scattered-ness gives meaning to gathered-ness

To God, the lost have priority

- is it ours?

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